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September 7 1921

Mrs Eva Ingersoll Swasey

My dear Mrs. Ingersoll Swasey

You flatter me highly in wishing some lines  
from my head, honouring your great father.

I dare say without exaggeration that since  
long times it was my own wish to  
have an occasion or opportunity to express  
my feelings for him.

In his mind common sense rose to  
genius.

Will you permit me to quote a  
few sentences which have struck me with  
admiration. He has written:

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"No one has ever been persecuted by the  
church for believing God bad, while hundreds  
of millions have been destroyed for thinking  
him good."

He has written :

" Religion has not civilized man; man has civilized religion. God improves, as man advances."

And he has said :

" After all, the real question is not whether the Bible is inspired, but whether it is true. If it is true, it does not need to be inspired. The multiplication table is just as useful, just as true, as though God had arranged the figures himself."

Would I had myself written something so evident.

George Brandes

49. BRANDES, GEORGE M. (1842 - 1927 Danish literary critic, historian and author) 2p. A.L.S. to Mrs. Eva Ingersoll Swasey, granddaughter of Robert Ingersoll.  
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States Brandes' feelings for Robert Ingersoll in part as follows: "In his mind common sense rose to genius". He quotes Ingersoll: "Religion has not civilized man; man has civilized religion; God improves as man advances...After all, it is not whether the Bible is inspired, but whether the Bible is true".; Remarkable letter with many other Ingersoll quotes.

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